

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 8, 12, 14, 15, 18 and 20 have been amended. Claims 4 and 13 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-3, 5-12 and 14-20 remain in the application.

Claim 8 was rejected under 35 USC §112, 2nd Paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended claim 8 to provide a proper antecedent basis for the term “head”. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 8, as amended, overcomes the rejection under 35 USC §112, 2nd Paragraph, and is allowable over this rejection.

Claims 1-3 and 5 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Mangum. It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject of dependent claim 4 and therefore the rejection under 35 USC §102(b) has become moot. Therefore, claim 1, as amended, and the claims dependent therefrom overcome the rejection under 35 USC §102(b) and are allowable over this rejection.

Claims 12, 16 and 17 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Durbin, et al. Claim 12 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 13. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 12, as amended, and the claims dependent therefrom overcome the rejection under 35 USC §102(b) and are allowable over this rejection.

Claims 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mangum in view of McDonald. It is respectfully submitted that claims 6 and 7 are allowable for the same reasons given above for independent claim 1. Therefore, claims 6 and 7 overcome the rejection under 35 USC §103(a) and are allowable over this rejection.

Claims 4, 13-15 and 18-20 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of

the base claim and any intervening claims. Dependent claims 18 and 20 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 18 through 20 are now in a condition for allowance.

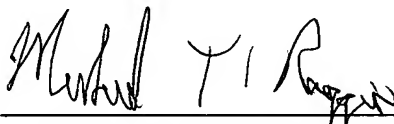
Claim 8 was allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 USC §112, 2nd Paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has rewritten dependent claim 8 to overcome the rejection under 35 USC §112, 2nd Paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 8 is now in a condition for allowance.

Claims 9-11 were allowed.

If the Applicant can be of any further assistance or provide any other information in the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (248) 364-2100.

Respectfully submitted,

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